

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 257

Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson

February 5, 2007

An act to amend Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 257, as introduced, Anderson. Parks: veterans: park passes.

Existing law requires that a veteran, as defined, of any war, as defined, in which the United States has been, or may be engaged, who is a resident of this state, upon presentation to the Department of Parks and Recreation of proof of disability or proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war and of an honorable discharge from service, upon application therefor and payment of a fee of \$3.50, be issued a pass entitling the bearer to the use of all facilities, including boat launching facilities, in units of the state park system.

This bill would eliminate the fee requirement for these park passes, and would additionally make a veteran who is a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor eligible for a pass.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 5011.5. (a) A veteran of any war in which the United States
- 4 has been, or may be engaged, who is a resident of this state, upon

1 presentation to the department of proof of disability ~~or~~, proof of
2 being held captive as a prisoner of war, *or proof of being a*
3 *recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor*, and *proof of an*
4 honorable discharge from service, upon application therefor ~~and~~
5 ~~payment of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)~~, shall be issued a
6 pass entitling the bearer to the use of all facilities, including boat
7 launching facilities, in units of the state park system.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) “Veteran” means any former member of the Armed Forces
10 of the United States who has a 50 percent or greater
11 service-connected disability, or who was held as a prisoner of war
12 by forces hostile to the United States, as certified by the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who was honorably
14 discharged from service.

15 (2) “War” means that period of time commencing when
16 Congress declares war or when the Armed Forces of the United
17 States are engaged in active military operations against any foreign
18 power, whether or not war has been formally declared, and ending
19 upon the termination of hostilities as proclaimed by the President
20 of the United States.